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NISHIKAWA, et al.
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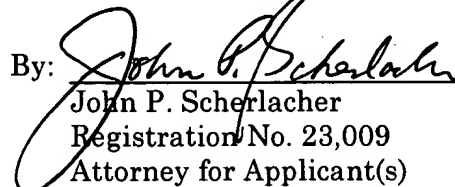
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5. ☒ A list of 9 reference(s) is in the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

- ☒ Enclosed are office actions for counterpart applications.

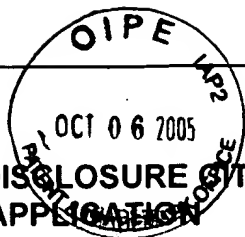
- ☒ The applicant has provided English excerpts of selected references as a matter of courtesy. The excerpts have not been reviewed for accuracy.
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	5,995,176 (corresponding Japanese Pub. 08-43833 & Korean Pub. 1996-8386)	11/30/99	SIBAHARA			
	5,648,828	07/15/97	SAKAMOTO, et al.			
	6,661,488 (corresponding Japanese Pub. 11-242225)	12/09/03	TAKEDA, et al.			
	6,724,452 (corresponding Japanese Pub. 11-242225)	04/20/04	TAKEDA, et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	09-152583	06/10/97	JAPAN			Abstract & English Excerpt	
	09-258266	10/03/97	JAPAN			Abstract	
	1996-0008386 (corresponding Japanese Pub. 08-43833 & U.S. Patent No. 5,995,176)	03/22/96	KO				X
	08-43833 (corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,995,176 & Korean Pub. 1996-8386)	02/16/96	JAPAN			Abstract	
	11-242225 (corresponding U.S. Patent Nos. 6,661,488 and 6,724,452)	09/07/99	JAPAN				X

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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